

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment of 12/13/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 17-28 and 30-35.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 17-28 and 30-35 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The invention is directed to a two-sided viewable display driven by means of mirroring switching circuits so as to display the same image on both sides.

Independent claim 17 identifies, inter alia, the uniquely distinct features "wherein: the columns of the array are indexed from 0 to m, the column outputs are indexed from 0 to m, and the switch element is configured to selectively route each (j) column output to one of (j) and (m-j) columns, where j ranges from 0 to m."

Independent claim 27 identifies, inter alia, the uniquely distinct features "an array of pixels, each pixel including a first sub-pixel that is configured to be viewable from a first direction and a second sub-pixel that is configured to be viewable from a second direction that is substantially opposite the first direction" and "each column output is operably coupled to the first sub-pixel of pixels in a first column of the array of pixels and to the second sub-pixel of pixels in a second column of the array of pixels, thereby facilitating viewing of the display device from the first and second directions."

Independent claim 30 identifies, inter alia, the uniquely distinct features "wherein: the columns of the array are indexed from 0 to m, the outputs are indexed from 0 to m, and each pair of (j) and (m-j) columns are associated with each (j) output, where (j) ranges from 0 to m."

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Kubota et al. (US 5,748,165) teaches a LCD panel having two data signal line driving circuits (SD1 and SD2) for providing data voltages of opposite polarities for reducing power consumption. The driving circuits are coupled to drive the columns of pixels via switching circuits SEL (fig. 11). Specifically, each switching circuit SEL is connected to one column output of either driving circuits SD1 or SD2 and is controlled to switch to one of two corresponding columns (SLi and SLi+1). Kubota does not teach nor render obvious the claimed features of the invention as recited above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tom V. Sheng whose telephone number is (571) 272-7684. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am - 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amr Awad can be reached on (571) 272-7764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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